**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDIATURE AT BOMBAY**
**CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CIVIL APPILCATION NO.8130 OF 1999
IN
**FIRST APPEAL (ST.) NO.14113 OF 1998**

The State of Maharashtra .. Appellant.

Versus

Prataprao Narayanrao
Deshmukh & Ors. .. Respondents.

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Mr.G.P.Mulekar AGP for the appellant.

Mr.Anilkumar Patil for respondent nos.1 to 6, 8A to 8C, 9 to 14.

**CORAM : S.B.MHASE &**
**D.B.BHOSALE, JJ.**

**DATE : JANUARY 11, 2005.**

**P.C.**

1. Heard both sides.

2. Perused the application. This is an application for condonation of delay of 223 days in filing the appeal against the judgment and award passed by the reference Court in L.A.R.210 of 1987 decided by the Joint District Judge, Nashik. The learned counsel for respondent nos.1 to 6, 8A to 8C, 9 to 14 vehemently opposed the condonation of delay contending that even though the delay has been explained for most of the period, however, four months out of 223 days has not been properly explained. We find that there is affidavit of the

concerned officer. Delay has been caused due to administrative lapse. In the public interest we are inclined to condone delay even though there is opposition from the respondents. Delay is condoned. Application is disposed of accordingly.

**(D.B.Bhosale, J.)** **(S.B.MHASE, J.)**

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